--- 20 Cigarettes - “W. C. Macdonald”, Montreal - 1961-74 ---

--- coded cancellations - mimeographed in various formats ---

[on **RC-386** - the Series “C” imperforate twenty cigarettes - **1961-69**]

--- 1 ---

--- 2 ---

--- 3 ---

1) with a 3 mm. typewritten blue stencilled single alphabetic letter (from A to P) alternating with a second line reading 1-10D. Most copies exhibit two mimeographs per stamp (**1961-62**).

2) As above but with a number (from -1 to -3) appended to the letter. These begin at P-1 and run to X-3, then re-start at A-1 and run to P-1 (**1962-68**).

3) The short run of **O-1** to **Q-2** concludes the imperforate Series “C”, and is done with a better quality, slightly larger typeface (probably stencilled by a floating-ball IBM “Selectric” machine) in purple-blue 3½ mm. Roman characters, plus a 3 mm. company code (**1968-69**).

[on **RC-815** - the “Wings” Series imperforate twenty cigarettes - **1969-74**]

--- 3a ---

--- 3b ---

--- 4 ---

3) The “Wings” series begins on the twenty cigarette **RC-815** using the same 3½ Roman IBM **Q-1** (there is some code overlapping) in purple-blue, but by **R-3** has switched to a light greenish-blue ink. This series runs to **Z-3** (**1969-71**).

4) With A-1 the lettering switches to 4 mm. plain, thin Gothic and runs to conclusion at M-2, which should be in August 1974 when the Ottawa supplied stamps cease (**1971-74**).

There are various anomalies in the series, some attributable to poor typing (as LL and W-11), but other seem inexplicable (such as U-5, Y-5, L-5 and I-1-S) which might also be typos, except for the fact that they are common and are found on both the twenty and twenty-five cigarette stamps in both colours.

I suppose if one was cancelling a batch of small size cigarette stamps, the same stencil could be used for both twenty and twenty-five cigarette stamps, and could be used both on blue-green and on red ink copies, but there might be some other significance to the appended 5's.

The switch from "W. C. Macdonald" to "R.J.R. Macdonald", indicated a take-over of "Macdonald Tobacco" by *R. J. Reynolds Tobacco* of South Carolina in 1974.

In cancelling the "Wings" series of cigarette stamps, *Macdonald Tobacco* ran codes from **R-1** to **Z-3** (27 stamps), and from A-1 to M-2 (38 stamps), for a total of 27 + 38 = 65 numbers.

It seems that *Macdonald Tobacco* was using an alphabetic *monthly coding system*, with the *year-quarter* represented by the *letter*, and the *month of the quarter* represented by the attached *number*. Using this presumption, and working backwards from August 1974, (their last recorded cancellation is M-2) will supply the following date table for Macdonald Tobacco's "Wings" series. The preceding Series "C" cancellations have been extrapolated, following the same thinking, back to July 1961. I am presuming that P and P-1 (both extant) were both used in October 1962, when the number was first added to the monthly letter. All of these cancellations also occur in "Quebec" red ink.

--- The *complete theoretical cigarette codes* of "W. C. Macdonald", Montreal - 1961-74 ---

on Series "C" - [in 2½ mm. typewritten mimeo - light blue ink]

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961							A	B	C	D	E	F
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	P-2	P-3
1963	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	R-1	R-2	R-3	S-1	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1964	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1965	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3
1966	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3
1967	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	M-1	M-2	M-3	N-1	N-2	N-3						

[in heavy 4 mm. Roman IBM Selectric - purple ink]

1968							**O-1**	**O-2**	**O-3**	**P-1**	**P-2**	**P-3**
1969	**Q-1**	**Q-2**	**Q-3**									

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on the "Wings" Series - [in greenish-blue ink]

1969				**R-1**	**R-2**	**R-3**	**S-1**	**S-2**	**S-3**	**T-1**	**T-2**	**T-3**
1970	**U-1**	**U-2**	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	**V-3**	**W-1**	**W-2**	**W-3**	**X-1**	**X-2**	**X-3**
1971	**Y-1**	**Y-2**	**Y-3**	**Z-1**	**Z-2**	**Z-3**						

[thin 4 mm. Gothic - in greenish-blue ink]

1971							A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3
1972	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3
1973	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3
1974	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3	M-1	M-2				

--- RC-386 - 20 Cigarette *Actual Collection* - "Macdonald Tobacco" - 1962-69 ---

--- in 2½ mm. "elite" blue mimeograph over 1-10D - 15 copies to date ---

mimeo D / 1-10D in Oct. '61

mimeo S-2 / 1-10D in Aug. '63

mimeo **Q-2 / 1-10D** in Feb. '69

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	B	C	D	E	F
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	--	--

plus LL

--- as above, in blue ink, but with an appended number - 58 copies to date --

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P-1	P-2	---
1963	---	---	Q-3	---	R-2	R-3	---	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1964	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1965	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3
1966	E-1	E-2	---	F-1	F-2	F-3	G-1	---	G-3	---	H-2	H-3
1967	---	I-2	I-3	---	J-2	---	K-1	---	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	M-1	M-2	---	N-1	---	N-3	O-1	O-2	O-3			

O-1and the following pair are in thin 3 mm. IBM Selectric font, not the later 3½ mm. heavy Roman.

--- in 3½ mm. Roman IBM heavy mimeograph, with purplish-blue ink - 2 copies top date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968										**P-1**	---	---
1969	---	**Q-2**	---									

--- RC-815 - 20 Cigarette “Wings” - *Actual Collection* - “Macdonald Tobacco” - 1968-74 ---

mimeo **P-3 / 1-10D** in Dec. ‘68

mimeo **R-3 / 1-10D** in June ‘69

mimeo A-2 / 1-10D in Aug. ‘71

--- in 3½ mm. Roman IBM mimeograph - with purplish-blue ink - 4 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968										---	---	**P-3**
1969	**Q-1**	---	---	**R-1**	**R-2**							

--- in 3½ mm. Roman IBM mimeograph - with greenish-blue ink - 23 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969						**R-3**	**S-1**	---	**S-3**	---	**T-2**	**T-3**
1970	**U-1**	**U-2**	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	**V-3**	**W-1**	**W-2**	**W-3**	**X-1**	**X-2**	**X-3**
1971	**Y-1**	**Y-2**	**Y-3**	**Z-1**	**Z-2**	**Z-3**						

--- in 4 mm. thin Gothic type, with greenish-blue ink - 37 copies to date --

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1971							A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3
1972	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3
1973	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3
1974	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	---	L-3	M-1	M-2				

plus L-5, and A-2 double printed

--- RC-386 - 20 Cigarette *Actual Collection* - "Macdonald Tobacco" - in QUEBEC RED - 1962-69 ---

mimeo C / 1-10D in Sep. '61

mimeo U-3 / 1-10D in Mar. '64

mimeo O-1 / 1-10D in July '68

--- in 2½ mm. "elite" red mimeograph over 1-10D - 1961-62 - 14 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961							--	B	C	D	E	--
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P		

plus LL

--- in 2½ mm. "elite" red mimeograph over 1-10D - with an appended number - 1962-68 - 24 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962										---	P-2	---
1963	Q-1	---	---	---	R-2	---	---	---	S-3	---	---	T-3
1964	---	---	U-3	---	---	---	---	W-2	---	X-1	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	B-2	---	C-1	---	---	---	D-2	---
1966	E-1	---	---	---	---	---	G-1	G-2	G-3	---	H-2	H-3
1967	---	I-2	---	---	J-2	---	K-1	---	---	L-1	---	---
1968	---	M-2	---	N-1	---	---						

plus W-11

--- in 3 mm. thin Roman IBM mimeograph - in red ink - 1968-69 - a single copy to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968							O-1	---	---	---	---	---
1969	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

O-1 with a serif-free 1-10D appears to have been stencilled by the IBM Selectric in 3 mm. type, but is not in the heavy 3½ mm. Roman figures - as used on the following "Wings" Series. I have seen no examples of this heavy 3½ mm. font on the Series "C" twenty cigarette stamp printed in red ink.

--- RC-815 - 20 Cigarette “Wings” - *Actual RED Collection* - “Macdonald Tobacco” - 1968-74 ---

mimeo **T-2 / 1-10D** in November 1969

mimeo H-1 / 1-10D in April 1973

--- 3½ mm. Roman IBM mimeograph - in red ink - 1968-71 - 8copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968										---	---	---
1969	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**S-3**	---	**T-2**	---
1970	---	---	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	**V-3**	---	---	---	---	---	---
1971	---	---	---	---	**Z-2**	---						

plus **U-5**

--- 4 mm. thin Gothic mimeograph - in red ink - 1971-74 - 16 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1971							---	---	A-3	B-1	---	---
1972	---	---	---	---	---	D-3	---	E-2	---	---	---	F-3
1973 ---	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	---	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3	
1974	---	---	---	L-1	---	---	---	---				

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